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1. Six troop trains went from Bad Freienwalde to Strausberg on 15 and 16 July [REDACTED]

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2. By order of the Soviet transport komendatura, six troop trains [REDACTED] had to be made available at Fuerstenwalde on 16 July.<sup>4</sup>

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3. The Soviet transport kommandatura ordered on 15 July that the loading ramps at the Hoppegarten, Schoeneweide, and Adlershof railroad stations are to be kept free and that ten unloading bridges are to be made available at each station.<sup>3</sup>

4. On 4 July, two engineer shipments were dispatched from the Eisenach railroad station toward Gotha. On 7 July, a mortar unit left in the same direction.<sup>4</sup>

5. On 28 June, General Voronichev, chief of the transport and signal communications section of the Soviet High Commission, gave orders to Derutra (German-Soviet transport company) to the effect that beginning on 1 July additional security directives will be issued for shipments as a result of the workers' rebellion in East Germany and Poland.<sup>5</sup>

6. A conference concerning the suspension of the Ruegenhafen construction project was held between Deputy Interior Minister Willi Meier and Bauunion Nord in Glowe on 10 July. It was agreed that the convicts employed on Ruegen Island were to be transferred to Fuerstenberg/Havel not later than 18 July. The VP stationed in the area were transferred to an undetermined location prior to 11 July. The dismissal and departure of the civilian workers was scheduled to take place on 26 July. Some workers will leave for Gross Doelln.<sup>6</sup>

7. It was learned from a driver in the Goerlitz area that troops of all branches of service were seen moving in an easterly direction toward Goerlitz and Zittau between 1 and 3 July.

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8. It was learned from a resident of Goerlitz that noise of battle and reports of artillery firing had been heard from the area east of Goerlitz since 10 July. The Soviet troops stationed in the Goerlitz area had moved to Poland. Polish refugees spoke of fights between Soviet troops and Polish partisans in an area 30 kilometers east of Goerlitz. Major Soviet troop units were reportedly involved.
  9. On 25 and 26 June, tank units which were previously stationed in Cottbus left the town toward the East.

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Comments:

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1. The trains probably carried elements of the 6th Guards Mechanized Division which had previously been observed in Bad Freienwalde until 10 July. Strausberg airfield was occupied by new troops and by small air force units on 9 July.
  2. The barracks in Bad Freienwalde were reoccupied by units of the 7th Guards Mechanized Division between 17 June and 8 July. It is believed that these elements are due to leave on 16 July, presumably for the Lieberose troop training grounds.
  3. No indications of preparations for the transfer to Berlin of Soviet army or KVP units have been observed.
  4. [redacted] the train carried units of the 57th Rifle Division. This observation, in connection with the movements of engineer units from Dessau toward the south, tends to indicate that on about 4 July engineer elements of the XXIX Guards Rifle Corps rotated between Aken and the Kindel troop training grounds.
  5. This order is an official confirmation of the difficulties experienced by Soviet transit traffic through Poland and East Germany.
  6. Gross Doelln is the site for an airfield construction project.
  7. Paragraphs 7 to 9: This information supports the assumption that elements of the 9th Mechanized Division, at least, were employed in the Goerlitz area and probably also to the east of it.

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